plied in para (c), there exists a provision in the contract for levying of liquidated damages.

Policy regarding transfers in IOL

1979. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers employed in Indian Oil Corporation transferred outside Delhi on promotions are normally brought back to Delhi after three years;

(b) the number of such employees who were brought back in less than one or two years and the number of employees who have not been back to Delhi even after 7-8 years; and

(c) the reasons for not following an uniform policy on transfers in all the three wings of Indian Oil Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No officer was brought back to Delhi in less than one year. Eight officers were brought back to Delhi in less than two years. There is no policy to automatically bring back the officers to the locations wherefrom they were transferred. The same holds good for Delhi as well.

(c) Transfers are effected by IOC in all its Divisions for manning various positions keeping in view organisational requirements and of technical, functional and managerial skills of employees and the stay of a particular employee at a location. Employees are also transferred for their overall growth by exposing them to various functions, technologies, work-cultures and geographical areas. However, the norms followed for effecting transfers may differ from the Division to another in view of their functional, operational, logistics and geographical diversity and requirements.

पेट्रोल और डीजल में मिलावट करने वाला रैकेट

1980. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में पेट्रोल, डीजल आदि में मिलावट में लिप्त देशव्यापी एक रैकेट का पता लगाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने अपराधियों के विरुद्ध अभी तक क्या कार्यवाही की है तथा भविष्य में ऐसे मामलों की पुनरावृत्ति को रोकने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार) : (क) से (ग) खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्रों पर मिलावट, कदाचारों और अनियमितताओं की रोकथाम करने के लिये पूरे देश में तेल कम्पनियों के पदाधिकारियों और राज्य सरकार के प्राधिकारियों द्वारा समय समय पर निरीक्षण किये जाते हैं और विपणन अनुशासन दिशानिर्देशों और मोटर स्पिरिट और उच्च गति डीजल (आपूर्ति और वितरण में कादाचार निषेध) आदेश, 1990 के अनुसार कारवाई की जाती है ।

हाल ही में 29.10.98 से 2.11.98 के दौरान पूरे देश में एक विशेष सतर्कता अभियान का आयोजन किया गया जिसके परिणाम स्वरूप मिलावट के संदेह में 98 खुदरा केन्द्रों को पेट्रोल और डीजल की आपूर्ति निलम्बित कर दी गई थी ।

1998-99 के दौरान देश के विभिन्न भागों में पेट्रोल की मिलावट के लिये 3

खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्रों डीलरशिपों के लाइसेंस रद्द कर दिये गये है ।

Pending dealers Cases

1981. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 5000 cases of dealerships of petroleum and L.P.G. are pending for selection for more than a year;

(b) if so, details thereof and by when the selection procedure will start;

(c) whether it is a fact that a panel of 50 ex-judges is to be set-up for the purpose; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that an amount of Rs. Six crores has been already spent in the process of setting up Selection Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. More than 5300 locations are pending for selection of dealers/distributors all over the country. Government has decided to constitute 52 Dealer Selection Board (DSBs), of which 43 DSBs have already been constituted and with this the process of selection has already been set in motion. As these DSBs have been constituted recently, it may not be possible to quantify the expenditure incurred thereon at present.

Drilling Operation for CBM in Raniganj

1982. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Well Release Order" was issued by ONGC in November, 1996 to evaluate methane potential of all the coal seams of Raniganj formation;

(b) whether a rig was decided to be transferred in the area for drilling purpose as per a release order in April, 1997 from WRBC and ONGC; and

(c) if so, the present status and the reasons for the delay in taking up drilling operation for CBM in Raniganj area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) After taking the decision referred to in (b) above, ONGC on 1.8.97 decided to await the implementation of the new policy of Government for undertaking CBM exploration based on ONGC's assessment of the offered blocks and preferably in strategic alliance with a partner. Thereafter, ONGC, on 28.11.1998 have applied for the grant of a Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) for CBM exploration in one of the blocks of Raniganj basin. The said PEL is to be granted by the Govt. of West Bengal with the prior approval of the Central Government. ONGC now proposes to commence the CBM exploraion in this area after the grant of the PEL.

Exploration of coal bed methane in Vidarbha region

1983. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in depth studies of the formation of vast coal basis in